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ANNUAL MEETING & PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

NEW YORK CITY, OCTOBER 12-16 -- The 15th annual meeting and preservation conference of the National Trust will be held from Thursday, October 12, through Monday, October 16, in New York City, with headquarters at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. A special block of rooms has also been reserved across the street at the Belmont Plaza Hotel.

Hotel reservation cards, complete programs, and detailed registration blanks will be mailed to the membership in the annual conference mailing immediately after Labor Day.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION -- Because registration is limited, members are requested to fill out and return promptly the advance registration form on page 4 of this newsletter.

Advance registrants will be given preference when functions are limited in number of participants. A registration fee of $5 for members and delegates, and $10 for guests, is being charged for the entire meeting.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12 -- The Trustees' fall meeting will precede their 7 p.m. dinner at the Union Club. Hosts are Mrs. Hermann G. Place, Clarence G. Michalis, and Irving S. Olds.

There will be pre-registration and consultation for members in the evening at the Waldorf-Astoria, for those arriving before the formal opening of the conference on Friday morning.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 13 -- Following the morning business session, panelists will discuss Is There Preservation Planning for the City of Tomorrow?

Annual reports of the member organizations will be made immediately after lunch at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

On the afternoon professional program, four leaders in the field will present Ways and Means of preservation. Their topics will be: The Role of the Museum in Research; The Role of Research in the Museum; Variations on an Old Theme - Adaptive Use; and Keep the Home Fires Burning - Private Ownership.

Opening of the exhibit, Preservation: The Heritage of Progress, will be held from 5-7 p.m., in the Cooper Union Museum for the Arts of Decoration. During this preview, members of the Trust and their guests will be entertained at a champagne-buffet supper by the American Institute of Interior Designers and the Decorators Club of New York. Fifty photographic panels composing the exhibition will be supplemented by the Cooper Union Museum with related three-dimensional material. The panels will be circulated by the American Federation of Arts, with a rental fee of approximately $50-$65. (All inquiries regarding its rental are to be addressed to the Federation at 1083 Fifth Avenue, New York City).

The catalogue for this exhibit will be presented in Vol. 13, No.3 of Historic Preservation, the fall issue of the quarterly journal. With a revised jacket this catalogue will serve the traveling show.

A special opening of the John Pierpont Morgan Library, 33 East 36th Street, courtesy of its trustees, has been scheduled for Friday evening. The white marble Italian Renaissance pavilion, designed by McKim, Mead and White in 1913, houses a collection noted for its important manuscripts and rare and handsomely bound books.

SATURDAY, OCT. 14 -- International representatives from Europe, the Americas, and Asia will speak on Preservation Abroad at the morning session.

A talk entitled A Contemporary Architect Looks at Preservation will be presented after the Saturday lunch.

Metropolitan Opera tour, limited to 30 participants, is planned for the afternoon. In March it was announced that the 1883 structure is definitely slated for demolition when the opera company moves to its new headquarters in the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. Architects for the old building were J. C. Cady and Co., and later, Carrère and Hastings.

Those attending the conference are invited to a 4 p.m. reception and opening of special exhibits at the Museum of the City of New York.

The Louise duPont Crowninshield Award will be presented during the annual banquet. Irving S. Olds, NT trustee and member of the New York Committee will preside; the speaker will be announced later.

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Use this form to present memberships in the National Trust for Christmas gifts. The membership card announcing your gift, inscribed as you request, will be mailed prior to Christmas; names of persons given gift memberships will be entered on our rolls to receive the January newsletter and Volume 14,Number 4 of the quarterly journal, to be mailed early in January 1963

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Gracie Mansion, residence of
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SUNDAY, OCT. 15 -- A variety of all-day tours is planned. Members' preferences will be honored in order of registration. The Municipal Art Society has arranged and will serve as guides for the Manhattan Island tour. This group will visit the Gracie Mansion, Abigail Adam Smith House, the Union Club, the University Club, and the New York City Hall. Reception hostesses will be members of the Colonial Dames of America, Mrs. J. Campbell Henry, president. Hermann G. Place will serve as host for the lunch.

Members may choose the Oyster Bay tour, stopping at the Bowne House, Sagamore Hill, and Raynham Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald P. Rose will be reception hosts, and the Sagamore Hill Committee of the Theodore Roosevelt Association will serve as lunch hosts.

The Three Mansions tour will be received at the Jumel Mansion, Van Cortlandt Mansion, and Bartow-Pell Mansion. The Gardener's Choice tour will visit the Dyckman Farmhouse, the Bartow-Pell Mansion, and the New York Botanical Garden. Members of the International Garden Club, Mrs. Winfred Holton, president, will serve as hostesses for both groups.

With George Washington in New Jersey is another choice on the list of tours. Stops will be made at his headquarters near Morristown; at the Ford Mansion and Museum; and at two other historic residences: Liberty Hall and Boxwood Hall. Arrangements are being made by the New Jersey Historical Society, and lunch hostess will be Mrs. John Kean.

Long Island Arts and Architecture will be the theme when the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities holds open house. Stops are planned for the Thompson and Sherwood-Jayne houses, the Suffolk County Museum, the Carriage Museum. Lunch hosts are Mr. and Mrs. Ward Melville.

An afternoon tour of Brooklyn Heights is sponsored by the Brooklyn Heights Association and the Long Island Historical Society,concluding with a reception at the Society's headquarters.

Each member will be invited to a reception in a nearby private residence,preceding the Sunday evening supper at the American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Museum is also planning a special exhibit for the occasion.

MONDAY, OCT. 16 -- An excursion to the Hudson River area will conclude the 15th annual conference.There will be a tour of Van Cortlandt Manor, Sunnyside, and Philipsburg Manor. Participants will be lunch guests of Sleepy Hollow Restorations, owner of the three historic properties.

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS BRINGING EXHIBITS to the annual conference are asked to notify the National Trust office before July 15 of the amount of space needed. The members' exhibit area will be adjacent to the meeting rooms. Each exhibitor is allowed 8 running feet, and is expected to provide his own staff to arrange the display. Tables will be provided for the display and distribution of leaflets and pamphlets for those who do not plan to bring large exhibits. The area will be locked at night and a night watchman provided for it.

MRS. HERMANN G. PLACE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW YORK COMMITTEE for the 1961 Conference, and is being assisted by the Hon. Newbold Morris, Park Commissioner of New York City, Kenneth Chorley, Mrs. George L. Harrison, Daniel M.C. Hopping, Clarence G. Michalis, Irving S. Olds, Mrs. Reginald P. Rose, Mrs. Thomas M. Waller,Phelps Warren, Gerald Watland,Mrs. Arnold Whitridge, Mrs. Earl K. Williams, and Miss Alice Winchester.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

15th Annual Conference, Oct. 12-16, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City

$5 Registration Fee for Member or Delegate to Accompany This Form
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Name_____ Title (If Delegate)_____

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Registration Fee not returnable after registration closes Oct. 1

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